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SUBJ: PRESIDENT KHAMA INAUGURATES NEW BDP HEADQUARTERS,
COMMENTS ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENTS

1. PRESIDENT KHAMA DELIVERED MAJOR SPEECH AT THE INAUGURATION
NEW BDP HEADQUARTERS BUILDING 20JUL IN GABORONE IN THE PRESENCE
OF LOCAL DIGNITARIES, DIP CORPS, AND REPS OF ZAMBIA'S UNITED NAT-
IONAL INDEPENDENCE PARTY (UNIP) AND TANZANIA'S TANGANYIKA AFRICAN
NATIONAL UNION (TANU).

2. THE MAIN PORTION OF SPEECH WAS DEVOTED TO FOREIGN POLICY,
PARTICULARLY SOUTHERN AFRICA IN LIGHT OF THE PORTUGUESE COUP.
PRESIDENT REIDENTIFIED BOTSWANA'S ALIGNMENT WITH OAU POSITIONS
ON RHODESIA, PORTUGUESE AFRICA. PRESIDENT KHAMA NOTED THAT AFRICAN
AND BOTSWANA REACTION TO PROTUGUESE COUP HAD BEEN FAVORABLE, BE-
CAUSE NEW PORTUGUESE LEADERS "HAD PROMISED TO RESTORE PORTUGAL'S
FREEDOM". HOWEVER, "INDECISION" ON PART OF PORTUGUESE HAS "DAM-
AGED THE CREDIBILITY OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT".

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3. KHAMA "NOTED WITH REGRET" THAT PORTUGUESE HAVE TALKED MERELY OF SELF-DETERMINATION, RATHER THAN TOTAL INDEPENDENCE. "NEGOTIATIONS CAN ONLY SUCCEED IF THEY ARE ABOUT THE TIMING OF INDEPENDENCE, AND NOT ABOUT THE OBJECTIVE OF INDEPENDENCE. THE OBJECTIVE ITSELF IS NOT NEGOTIABLE". EMPHASIZING THAT THE BOTSWANA (AND OAU) POSITION IS COMPLETELY CONSISTENT WITH THE LUSAKA MANIFESTO, HE POINTED OUT THAT WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE MANIFESTO, BY SELF-DETERMINATION, "WE MEAN NOTHING SHORT OF TOTAL INDEPENDENCE". CITING RHODESIA, HE EMPHASIZED, "QUITE CLEARLY, THERE IS NO FUTURE FOR WHITE MINORITY GOVERNMENTS IN AFRICA". NOTING THAT HE "REMAINS HOPEFUL THAT THE WORST CAN BE AVOIDED", PRESIDENT KHAMA WARNED THAT "IT WOULD BE A PITY INDEED IF THE PEOPLE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA WERE TO WASTE THEIR ENERGIES IN KILLING ONE ANOTHER".

4. COMMENT: PRESIDENT KHAMA'S SPEECH, WHICH FOLLOWED COMMENTS BY UNIP'S REUBEN KAMANGA AND TANU'S OMARI MUHAJI, REITERATED BOTSWANA'S POSITION SQUARELY IN THE OAU MAINSTREAM ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN QUESTIONS. BY TAKING A FIRM STAND, YET TEMPERING IT WITH THE VIEW THAT "THERE IS ENOUGH ROOM IN SOUTHERN AFRICA FOR PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT RACES TO LIVE HAPPILY TOGETHER", KHAMA NO DOUBT SEEKS TO PRE-EMPT POTENTIAL CRITICS HOLDING MORE MILITANT VIEWS. SPEECH TEXT AND PROGRAM OF OPENING CEREMONIES BEING TRANSMITTED BY AIRGRAM.
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